

Appln No. 09/885,307
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-6, 9, 11, 24-29, 32-33, 57, 59-64, 68, 70, 72-78, and 81-84 are pending in this application. Claims 64, 78, and 84 have been allowed. Claims 1, 3-6, 24, 26-29, 61, 63, 68, and 74-77 have been amended. Claims 65-66 and 79-80 have been canceled. The amendments find full support in the original specification, claims, and drawings. No new matter has been added. In view of the above amendments and remarks that follow, reconsideration and an early indication of allowance of the now pending claims 1-6, 9, 11, 24-29, 32-33, 57, 59-64, 68, 70, 72-78, and 81-84 are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-6, 9, 11, 24-29, 32-33, 57, 59-61, 63, 65-66, 68, 70, 72-74, 76, 77, and 79-83 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Atcheson, Blum, Horvitz (U.S. Publication No. 2003/0046421), Yee, and Takahisa. Claims 1, 3-6, 24, 26-29, 61, 63, 68, 74, and 76-77 have been amended so that they now depend on an allowed base claim. Accordingly, claims 1-6, 9, 11, 24-29, 32-33, 57, 59-63, 68, 70, 72-77, and 81-83 are in condition for allowance for their dependence on the allowed base claim, and for the additional limitations that they contain.

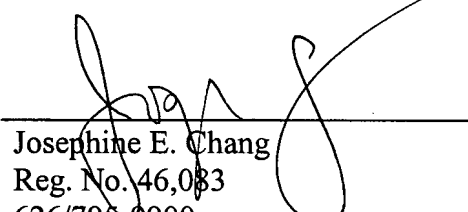
Claims 65-66, and 79-80 have been canceled.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, an early indication of allowance of the now pending claims 1-6, 9, 11, 24-29, 32-33, 57, 59-64, 68, 70, 72-78, and 81-84 is respectfully requested.

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